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SUBJECT: ANTITRUST INQUIRY - INTERNATIONAL LAWN TENNIS
FEDERATION (ILTF)

REFERENCE: LONDON 07012

1. ACCORDING JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, THERE IS NO REPT. NO
"ANTITRUST SUIT AIMED AT ELIMINATING ILTF'S TOURNAMENT
SANCTIONING POWERS". MINISTER HOWELL MAY BE REFERRING TO
A PRELIMINARY AND GENERAL INVESTIGATION OF TENNIS ASSOCIA-
TION RULES BY JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S LOS ANGELES OFFICE.

2. NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN REACHED CONCERNING WHETHER TO
RECOMMEND ANY ACTION IN THIS MATTER OR WHETHER ANY POSSI-
BLE ANTITRUST CASE WOULD INVOLVE ONLY US ASSOCIATIONS OR
WOULD INCLUDE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS. JUSTICE UNDER-
STANDS CERTAIN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
RULES ARE BEING ALTERED. THE CHANGES WILL HAVE TO BE
ASSESSED TO DETERMINE HOW THEY AFFECT THE INVESTIGATION.

3. THE US ENDEAVORS TO FOLLOW THE 1967 OECD RECOMMENDA-
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TION WHICH CALLS FOR GIVING ADVANCE NOTICE TO GOVERNMENTS

OF OTHER OECD MEMBER STATES BEFORE TAKING ACTIONS IN ANTI-
TRUST MATTERS WHICH MIGHT AFFECT THE INTERESTS OF THE OTHER

MEMBERS. WE WILL NOTIFY THE UK GOVERNMENT IN ADVANCE IN
THIS INSTANCE IF JUSTICE DECIDES IT MUST TAKE ACTION. WE
DO NOT CONTEMPLATE REACHING THAT POINT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
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